



Environmental Affairs Board

Meeting Notes

9-23-03 ■ 6:00 p.m.

Committee Room

Second Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Will Anderson, Kathi Beratan, Mathew Greenwolfe, Judy Kincaid, Darryl Roberts, and Dock Terrell

Members Absent: Ahrash Bissell, and Ray Eurquhart, Marian Johnson-Thompson(resigned), Samantha Miller

Guests Present: Jeff Hunter

Staff Present: Doug Vaughn, William Sun, Glen Whisler, and Alex Waddell

August Meeting Notes

Will Anderson made a motion to approve the notes for August meeting. The motion was seconded by Matthew Greenwolfe and approved with all ayes.

July Meeting Notes

Dock Terrell made a motion to approve the notes for April meeting. The motion was seconded by Will Anderson and approved with all ayes.

Durham Environmental Summit

Kathi has enlisted five students from the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences to aid EAB in developing focal questions for key groups and movers and shakers in government agencies, non-profit organizations, and academic institutions.

Proposed Watershed Amendments for Sewer Lines

There was a general discussion related to allowing sewer lines in the critical watershed. Some of the questions raised by the Board members included:

What about the idea of setting a precedent?

Will this allow a potential increase in development of the critical watershed?

How will maintenance concerns be addressed?

How will the risk to the watershed be managed?

How will performance bonds be handled to resolve maintenance concerns?

What standards are there for the type of system used in Colvard Farms?

Should suggest characteristics that encourage conservation design principles?

Is there a difference between this proposed language and what is in the proposed UDO, or will they be the same?

Judy Kincaid made a motion for Kathi to send a recommendation to the Joint City County Planning Commission that will be drafted by Will Anderson and reviewed by EAB members via email. The following points should be included in the recommendation.

1. Maintain the health and integrity of the environment
2. Not allow where land is not developable under the current standard
3. Use conservation design principles in the UGA where lands are developable
4. Use a performance bond that covers up to a catastrophic failure of the system

The motion was seconded by Matthew Greenwolfe and approved with all ayes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Waddell, Planner